



Bernalillo County

NEW RESIDENTIAL WATER CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS

Effective October 1st 2010

The Bernalillo County Commission adopted revisions to the Water Conservation Ordinance on May 25, 2010 which become effective October 1, 2010. The ordinance now requires that all new construction in the unincorporated area of Bernalillo County meet the following specifications:

For New Single Family Residential and Multifamily up to 8 Units (Small Multi Family) Construction

- Applicants for Single Family Residential and Small Multi Family building permits shall now choose between three options.
 - Option 1. Bernalillo County Water Conservation Worksheet. If this option is chosen, applicants shall complete a worksheet verifying that the water fixtures and appliances installed during construction will reduce water use by 20% compared to the 2006 Uniform Plumbing Code.
 - Option 2. Bronze Level Certification by Build Green New Mexico (BGNM). New residential development must achieve a minimum of Bronze Level Certification by Build Green New Mexico and submit the BGNM certification application and verifications.
 - Option 3. Requires that all plumbing fixtures installed are labeled EPA Watersense, and if the appliances are installed by the contractor they must be Energy Star rated.
- All new remodels and additions shall now use EPA water sense labeled fixtures for any new plumbing fixture installed.

Restrictions on Landscape Planting

- Residential development is limited to 10% high water use plants in the landscape area.

For more information visit www.bernco.gov/water or call Dan McGregor 848-1500.